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The reply filed on 2/8/005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants have failed to amend the claims as set forth in 37 CFR 1.121 (c). Applicants attention is directed to claim 5, in which applicants have not used the proper method of deleting material from the claim (i.e. either strikethrough or double bracketing). Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ponnathapu Achutamurthy can be reached on (571) 272-0928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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